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NSS review
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Following is approved text of study directive on
Portugal.

Begin text:

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Contingency Planning for Portugal

a study be conducted of
The President has directed that/implications for US
interests of recent developments in Portugal.

The study should contain a detailed intelligence
and political assessment of the situation, and project
the trends through which Communist forces might come to
dominate other political forces in Portugal.

The study should then consider the impact of such
trends on our interests, including US bilateral, NATO,
access ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to Azores bases and the

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western orientation of Portuguese foreign policy, and describe the options open to the US Government to protect its interests. The options should contain detailed and specific steps for each of the contingencies and provide for intelligence and other consultation and coordination with friendly states.

The study should be prepared on a close-hold basis by an NSC ad hoc group comprising representatives of the addressees and the NSC staff, and chaired by the representative of the Department of State. The study should be submitted for consideration by the President not later than October 19, 1974.

Henry A. Kissinger

END TEXT.

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